

# BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND HEARING SCIENCES

The bachelor of arts degree program in speech, language and hearing sciences (SLHS) provides students with in-depth knowledge of language, the processes of speech production and hearing, and human connection. The program is designed to suit a variety of interests, providing flexibility to match students' academic goals. Many SLHS majors go on to careers in clinics and therapy programs, and to medical school or other advanced degree programs.

Visit the program website (<https://speechhearing.columbian.gwu.edu/ba-speech-language-hearing-sciences/#concentrations>) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

For information about the admission process, including deadlines, visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (<https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/>). Applications can be submitted via the Common Application (<https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/>).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions  
The George Washington University  
800 21st St NW Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20052

For questions visit [undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us](http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us) (<http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us/>).

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext>).

53 credits, including 38 credits in core courses, 9 credits in additional course requirements, and 6 credits in elective courses.

| Code                            | Title                              | Credits |
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| <b>Required core curriculum</b> |                                    |         |
| SLHS 1071<br>or SLHS 1071W      | Foundations of Human Communication |         |
| SLHS 2101                       | Research Methods                   |         |
| SLHS 2104<br>or SLHS 2104W      | Speech and Language Disorders      |         |

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| SLHS 2105  | Anatomy and Physiology for Speech, Language, and Hearing        |
| SLHS 2106  | Neural Substrates of Speech, Language, and Hearing              |
| SLHS 2107  | Acoustics   |
| SLHS 2108  | Introduction to Audiology                                       |
| SLHS 3131  | Language Acquisition and Development                            |
| SLHS 3135  | Language: Structure, Meaning, and Use                           |
| SLHS 3136  | Phonetics   |
| SLHS 4118W | Senior Research Seminar in Communication Sciences and Disorders |
| SLHS 4119  | Principles and Methods in Speech-Language Pathology             |
| STAT 1053  | Introduction to Statistics in Social Science                    |

### Other course requirements

One 3-credit Biological Science (BISC) course (service courses excluded)

One 3-credit Physics (PHYS) or Chemistry (CHEM) course

One 3-credit course in a social or behavioral sciences in a subject other than SLHS, Linguistics (LING), or Communication (COMM).

### Electives

Two courses (6 credits) selected from the following:

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| SLHS 1072 | Culturally Responsive Practices in Human Communication. |
| SLHS 1082 | American Sign Language II                               |
| SLHS 1084 | Perspectives in Deaf Culture                            |
| SLHS 3109 | Auditory Learning and Aural Rehabilitation              |
| SLHS 3116 | Brain and Language                                      |
| SLHS 3133 | Autism  |

## GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/>), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication (G-PAC) (<https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-curriculum-gpac/>) as well as the course CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience. Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students

achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

**Coursework (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#generaleducationtext>) for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:**

- One course in critical thinking in the humanities.
- Two courses in critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning in the social sciences.
- One course that has an approved oral communication component.
- One course in quantitative reasoning (must be in mathematics or statistics).
- One course in scientific reasoning (must be in natural and/or physical laboratory sciences).
- UW 1020 (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/search/?P=UW%201020>) University Writing (4 credits).
- After successful completion of UW 1020, 6 credits distributed over at least two writing in the discipline (WID) courses taken in separate semesters. WID courses are designated by a "W" appended to the course number.

**Coursework for the CCAS G-PAC requirement is distributed as follows:**

- Arts—one approved arts course that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- Global or cross-cultural perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- Local or civic engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- Natural or physical science—one additional approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Humanities—one additional approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience

**Certain courses are approved to fulfill GPAC requirements in more than one category.**

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC requirements may also be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count

toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

Lists of approved courses in the above categories are included on each undergraduate major's (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#majorstext>) page in this Bulletin.

## SPECIAL HONORS

To qualify for graduation with Special Honors, the student must fulfill the general requirements stated under University Regulations, submit an application to the department before the beginning of the senior year, register for at least 1 credit of SPHR 4196 Independent Study, and complete an independent study honors project with distinction. Students must confer with an advisor before beginning the work. A 3.75 grade-point average in the major and overall is required both for acceptance and for graduation with Special Honors.